

**Regular Meeting of the Village Board**  
**August 17, 2021**  
**at the Village Hall at 6:00pm**

<b>Attended:</b>	<b>John Burrell</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
	<b>Caitlin Croft</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Sean Lowes</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Zach Carlson</b>	<b>Engineer</b>
	<b>Ed Imhoff</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Richard Stanton</b>	<b>Attorney</b>
	<b>Mark Chudy</b>	<b>DPW Supervisor</b>
	<b>Gary Palumbo</b>	<b>Planner</b>
	<b>Mary Klahn</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
	<b>Doug Bush</b>	<b>Trustee – Via Zoom</b>

**Also attended:** Carl Kirchner, MJ Brown, Kevin Lester, Cathy Keller and David Parker

**Business from the Floor**

M. J. Brown spoke about the public hearing on Moratoriums. She thought the public hearing notice in the paper was worded wrong and advertised for the residential district. Mr. Palumbo responded that the local law was already drafted and did not change after the public hearing notice. Mr. Stanton will work on this and have an answer for her by Friday. Much discussion.

Carl Kirchner spoke about garbage and dumpsters and how to go about a problem with overflow. Should we be a good neighbor to call and ask people to clean up their area? Mayor Burrell replied that he is happy to make the call to let people know to clean up the mess.

**Approve Minutes**

**Motion:** by Ms. Croft to approve the 7/20/21 minutes

**Second:** by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

**Motion:** by Mr. Imhoff to approve the special meeting minutes from 7/28/21

**Second:** by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried

**June 30<sup>th</sup> Financial Report**

**Motion:** to approve the report by Mr. Lowes

**Second:** by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

### **July 31, 2021 financial reports**

**Motion:** by Mr. Imhoff to approve the report.

**Second:** by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried

### **Audit of Claims**

Mayor Burrell stated that the National Grid bill of \$15,000 was in last year's budget. They will be changing the street lights to LEDs and we will have to make a budget modification.

**General**        **\$72,157.19**

**Sewer**         **\$22,870.68**

**Motion:** to pay the bills by Mr. Lowes

**Second:** by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

### **Mayor's Report**

**07/29/2021 Skate Park Meeting-** The project is moving towards reality as the needed funds have been raised. The timeline to break ground entails receiving proposals for the park this fall with the construction starting in the spring.

**08/03/2021 Town Bicentennial Meeting (Wrap Up)** – The Historical Society is talking about having a Home Town Weekend in years to come.

**08/11/2021 Town Historical Society Meeting (Space Request)** – The Mayor stated that the Historical Society has placed a request for storage space in the Village. With many of the Village and Town departments moving locations, Mayor Burrell was challenged to find extra space and was hoping a resident or organization may be able to assist with finding a climate-controlled space roughly 8 feet by 16 feet for the storage needs.

**08/16/2021 DRI Meeting** – The Mayor stated that this is a significant opportunity to bring affordable housing into the Village for local workers. We are seeking to gain \$10 million from New York State to ensure that local workers are provided with local housing to improve the quality of life for those who support local businesses. The goal is to keep workers local, remove commute challenges, and provide education for their children in Ellicottville. We would like to ensure that Ellicottville is not afflicted with the “Aspen Syndrome” where housing prices are so high that workers cannot live in the Village. Also discussed including redevelopment of the 1887 Building to include a first-floor community arts center, and shared housing units upstairs, and a new street leading into the Iskalo property (formerly the Signore site) for new commercial properties.

## **Planning report**

**Motion:** to approve the report by Mr. Lowes

**Second:** by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

Gary Palumbo stated we are moving forward with developing zoning amendments in preparation for cannabis retail and consumption applications. Currently, NY laws have not been finalized for the commercial aspects of cannabis sales and use but the Village is preparing for the inevitable applications that will be filed.

## **Engineering Report**

**Mayor Burrell welcomed Zach Carlson the new assistant engineer for the Engineering Department**

**Motion:** to accept the Engineering Report by Ms. Croft

**Second:** by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

**Mill Street Sidewalk Project Update** – Mark Chudy stated that the project is winding down, 2 driveways yet and some landscaping.

**Tennis Court Project** – Some discussion on how many inches to grind down the pavement to prevent more cracking. Mayor Burrell will discuss further with Ben Slotman and Mark Chudy. We could possibly add this to the DRI project.

**Great Valley Creek** - Mayor Burrell talked about walking the Great Valley Creek and discussed what needs to be done in the near future.

**Street Striping** - Strip the spaces between the Post Office and the Ellicottville Inn this will possibly help them from hitting the sidewalk railing.

## **Code Enforcement Report**

**Motion:** to accept the report by Mr. Imhoff

**Second:** by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried

**Elk Creek Abandonment Areas** – Ben Slotman has been working on this and needs approval from the Town.

**Motion:** to abandon the sewer portion of the Elk Creek project by Mr. Lowes

**Second:** by Mr. Imhoff Ms. Croft – Abstained. Carried

Mayor Burrell stated that we have discussed with the Alley Katz that they hire a person to water the flowers next year. That person will continue to be on the Village payroll and use the Village water wagon but will be answerable to the Alley Katz.

**Garbage cans** – requesting to put two cans down at the end of Washington Street by the bridge.

**Alley Katz** – Asking permission to hire Julie from Julie’s Flower Box to expand the flower beds on both sides of the bridge on Washington St. Everyone agreed to let them expand.

**Parks – Sean Lowes**

Good news stated Mr. Lowes that the basketball courts are being used on a regular basis.

**Beautification – Sean Lowes**

Alley Katz are working hard. Looking to refurbish the sign at Village Hall.

**Sidewalks – Sean Lowes**

Pavers have been fixed near the Post Office.

**Special Events – Doug Bush**

Mr. Bush spoke that the Special Events committee will be having a meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The planners intend to eliminate carnival rides and reduce the number of vendors for this year’s event by 50. Upcoming events needing approval include Rock N’ Roll Weekend September 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Lacrosse tournament Sept 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, Fall Festival October 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, and Christmas Stroll November 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** to approve the Chamber’s requests thru the end of year by Ms. Croft

**Second:** by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

**Ellicottville Half and 5K Marathon October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Ms. Croft spoke about this event being the same as last year

**Motion:** by Mr. Lowes to approve the Half Marathon

**Second:** by Mr. Imhoff Mr. Bush abstained. Carried

**Old Business**

Moratorium Update

**New Business**

Fire Protection for part of the Town of Mansfield.

Mr. Lowes stated that the Ellicottville Fire Department may be asked to join in a contract to provide fire protection for the Town of Mansfield due to a lack of manpower, adding portions of Mansfield are already covered by Ellicottville and Little Valley Depts. Mr. Lowes outlined a plan that is being drafted with Mansfield Town Supervisor Robert Keis to cover a specified area with the Ellicottville ambulance, a service that would be billed to Mansfield residents. Mansfield would be represented by a representative on the Fire Commission and the fire hall could eventually become a substation for the Ellicottville Fire Department.

### **Correspondence**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** to adjourn by Mr. Imhoff

**Second:** by Mr. Lowes All ayes Carried at 7:40pm.